

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 161 POLITICS SURVEY FEBRUARY 2025
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2, 2025
N=5,086**

Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

CONF2 A variety of officials work at federal government agencies. How much confidence, if any, do you have in these different groups to act in the best interest of the public? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
CAREER	Career employees at government agencies who are not appointed by a president					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	11	44	32	13	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	9	44	33	14	1
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	11	50	29	9	1
APPNT	Officials appointed by a president to oversee government agencies					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025 ¹	10	36	36	17	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	5	35	42	18	1
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	5	37	40	17	1

¹ Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025 version of question added "government" to first sentence and added "of confidence" to options 1-3.

ASK ALL:FEDSTATE How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Extremely concerned</u>	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
STAT	State governments not being willing enough to work with the federal government						
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	13	23	42	17	3	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	25	36	17	5	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	12	22	36	22	6	1
RGHT	The rights and protections a person has might be different depending on which state they are in						
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	23	24	32	16	5	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	28	26	29	12	4	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	19	25	35	16	4	1
FED2	The federal government setting policies on issues that are better left to state governments						
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	15	23	40	17	4	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON						
	<i>The federal government doing too much on issues better left to state governments</i>						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	18	23	31	20	7	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	15	19	35	24	6	1

ASK ALL:CLRSOL Which comes closer to your own view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>There are clear solutions to most big issues facing the country today</u>	<u>Most big issues facing the country today don't have clear solutions</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	52	46	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	50	48	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	48	52	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	48	51	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	46	52	1

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ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED):PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
29	29	28	13	1	19	19

² PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.